[Mr. A. Govinda Menon.]

(*b*) Is it a fact that the Government declined to grant the help asked for and that, in consequence, Travancoreans are allowed admission only to the paying private wards of the sanatorium?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of granting pecuniary help to the institution is under the consideration of the Government.

Employment of Women in Departmental Vernacular Schools for Boys.

100. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that an application for a teacher's place in the departmental vernacular school for boys at Cheriazhikkal in the Karunagapalli taluk, put in by a qualified Araya woman of the place, was refused by the authorities on the ground that women cannot be entertained in such schools?

(*b*) Is it not a fact that women also are employed as teachers in grant-in-aid vernacular schools for boys?

(*c*) If so, will the Government be pleased to extend the same policy to departmental vernacular schools for boys?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, in a very few instances, most of them being those of husband and wife employed in the same institution.

(*c*) The question will have to be carefully examined before a decision is reached.

Punishment of Mr T. K. Krishnan Tampi, Excise Inspector.

101. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Excise Commissioner has recommended the reduction of second grade Excise Inspector Mr. T. K. Krishnan Tampi as the head clerk of a Division Office? If the answer is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state the charges reported against the Inspector by the Excise Commissioner?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Excise Commissioner has sent a report about the Excise Inspector. It is under the consideration of the Government. They are unable to make any further statement in the matter at this stage.

Officers benefited by Circular Fl. No. 306, dated the 21st February 1923.

102. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): (*a*) With reference to circular Fl. No. 306, dated the 21st February 1923, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of officers of the several departments—

(1) who had at the time passed the age of fifty, who had been receiving the maximum pay of their old grade for two years and more, and who did not get any immediate increment at the time of the last general reorganisation of the several departments;

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